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City of London Names Park in Honour of Late Trooper Mark Wilson

The City of London, in cooperation with Corlon Properties Inc, is pleased to announce the naming of a new park to honour the memory of Trooper Mark Wilson, a Londoner who died in the line of military duty in Afghanistan one year ago this weekend.

The 2.5 acre park will be located in a new Sunningdale West Subdivision currently waiting to be serviced near the intersection of Sunningdale and Wonderland Roads. The park will include a children's playground, an extensive free play lawn area, a scenic look-out over a pond, accessible pathways, benches and trees.

"As Canadians, we owe a debt of gratitude to Mark Wilson and others who have courageously given their lives in the name of freedom and it is a debt we can never repay," says Mayor Anne Marie DeCicco-Best. "Yet, by naming this park, the City will continue to pay tribute to Mark's ultimate sacrifice and ensure his legacy is remembered by future generations."

"On the first anniversary of our son Mark's death, it is a great honour for our family to have this future park dedicated in his memory. Mark was an avid outdoors person and he would be pleased to know others will have an opportunity to enjoy this special place," says father Carl Wilson. "On behalf of the entire Wilson family, we appreciate the continued support of Londoners and thank both Corlon and the City for this very thoughtful gesture. Working together, we hope the park will serve as an ongoing reminder of the courage Canadian soldiers exemplify."

"As developer of the Neighbourhoods of Sunningdale, Corlon is privileged to have been asked to participate in this special commemoration of Mark's sacrifice," says Gordon Thompson, President of Corlon Properties Inc. "Through his memory, we also pay tribute to the important role all members of the Canadian Forces play in our society."

Mark Wilson served with the Royal Canadian Dragoons and was killed in action on October 7, 2006. Following the tragic news, community compassion overflowed as thousands of Londoners displayed yellow ribbons in memory of this brave young man and as a sign of support for his family.